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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 19, 2002, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from October 19, 2002 to November 19, 2002.

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